

HOUSE RESOLUTION 313

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Philip Samuel Kirkham, Jr., 2002 Valedictorian of Rockwood High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip Samuel Kirkham, Jr., is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Rockwood High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Kirkham has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 98.26 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, due to his outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Mr. Kirkham has earned numerous honors and awards, including being selected to the prestigious *Who's*

*Who Among American High School Students* and attending the Governor's School of Manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, Mr. Kirkham possesses tremendous musical talent; he plays in the School's Band and is First Chair Percussionist; and

WHEREAS, as a Band Captain, Mr. Kirkham has participated in numerous programs, including the Tennessee Technological University Symposium and he has served as a Youth Music All Star Ambassador to Paris and London; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among his peers, Mr. Kirkham has served as a member of the Student Council and as Captain of the Scholars' Bowl Team; he has also been selected as a member of the Homecoming Court and as Homecoming King by his peers; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic member of the student body, Mr. Kirkham is active in numerous scholastic organizations, including the Prom Committee, the National Beta Club, the Spanish Club, the Model United Nations Team, Business Professionals of America, the Mock Trial Team, the Science Bowl Team, the Yearbook Staff, the Environthon Team, and the Drug Free Club; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Kirkham participates in numerous community service organizations, including the Junior Civitan Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirkham's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirkham's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Philip and Lucy Kirkham, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirkham's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Rockwood High School Valedictorian, Phillip Samuel Kirkham, Jr., on

his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.